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1. SUMMARY: IMPACT OF WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE
WILL BE LARGELY DETERMINED BY THE US NOT THE FRENCH.
THE US CANNOT SOLVE THE FRENCH PROBLEM FOR THE OTHER
EIGHT BUT WE CAN PROVIDE THE NEEDED AMOUNT OF LEADER-
SHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THE ENERGY PROBLEM.
THE DISARRAY OF THE COMMUNITY WILL NOT NECESSARILY
PRODUCE AN UPSURGE IN PRO-ALLIANCE FEELINGS. HOWEVER
IT IS BECOMING CLEARER THAT EUROPEAN UNITY CAN ONLY

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BE BUILT IN ASSOCIATION WITH A STRONG ALLIANCE, NOT IN
DEFIANCE OF IT. END SUMMARY.

2. CURRENT CONVENTIONAL WISDOM IS THAT IMPACT OF WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE IN AREAS DELINEATED BY REFTEL IS LIKELY TO DEPEND TO A GREAT EXTENT ON HOW THE GOF CHOOSES TO PLAY ITS CARDS IN THE COMING PERIOD. WHILE WE DO NOT MINIMIZE THE FRENCH FACTOR WE BELIEVE THAT US PERCEPTIONS OF THE POST-CONFERENCE SITUATION AND OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION WILL LARGELY DETERMINE THE IMPACT OF THE CONFERENCE, BOTH SHORT-RUN AND LONG-RUN.

3. FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND FRANCE AND THE OTHER EIGHT NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL PROBABLY TAKE SOME TIME TO EFFACE. NEVERTHELESS THE DUTCH - AND THEY ARE SURELY NOT ALONE - CANNOT BE HAPPY WITH THIS SITUATION. FRG PLANS TO KNIT SOME OF THE BROKEN BONES WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE OTHER EIGHT AND POSSIBLY OF FRANCE ITSELF IF FRANCE IS NOT ASKED TO RECAT AND ABRUPTLY SET A NEW COURSE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES.

4. IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS NOTHING IS SO THERAPEUTIC AS CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION. THE EARLY CONVENING OF THE COORDINATING GROUP WILL HELP TO KEEP THE EUROPEANS FOCUSING ON THE GRAVITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY SITUATION. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSTRUCTING THE INDISPENSABLE FRAMEWORK FOR MULTILATERAL COOPERATION. WE SHOULD AVOID AT ALL COST GIVING THE IMPRESSION OR ACCEPTING THE ALLEGATION THAT WE ARE CAPITALIZING ON THE WORLD ENERGY CRISIS TO REIMPOSE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ON EUROPE. WE SHOULD ASSURE THE EUROPEANS THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF UNDERCUTTING MOVEMENT TOWARD EUROPEAN UNITY OR FORCING THEM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THAT UNITY AND THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. AS FRG STATE SECRETARY FRANK HAS COGENTLY EXPLAINED (BONN 02672) THAT IS A CHOICE THAT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE MADE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IT IS BECOMING CLEARER THAT EUROPEAN UNITY CAN ONLY BE BUILT IN ASSOCIATION WITH A STRONG ALLIANCE AND NOT IN DEFINANCE OF THAT ALLIANCE.

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5. WITH THAT SAID, THE EUROPEANS WILL FEEL EVEN MORE IMPELLED THAN BEFORE TO CONCENTRATE ON THEIR INTERNAL RELATIONS. WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT THE EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE TO THINK THAT THEIR SALVATION NOW LIES SOLELY IN THE ALLIANCE. THERE IS GENUINE GRATIFICATION ON THE PART OF THE EIGHT THAT THE US WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF LEADERSHIP ON THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROBLEM BUT THIS IS NOT TANTAMOUNT TO A NEW UPSURGE IN FEELINGS OF ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY. THE DISTINCTION IS IMPORTANT DURING

THIS PERIOD WHEN THE EIGHT WILL BE TRYING TO PICK UP
THE PIECES OF THEIR SHATTERED EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND FIND
SOME NEW WAY OF LIVING WITH FRANCE SINCE THEY CANNOT LIVE
WITHOUT IT.

6. IS IS JUST POSSIBLE THAT THE LONGER TERM IMPACT OF
THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE MAY TAKE THE FORM
OF A MODUS VIVENDI AMONG THE NINE WHEREBY FRANCE RE-
SERVES THE RIGHT TO ABSTAIN FROM CERTAIN EC POLICIES OR
ACTIONS AND THE EIGHT EXERCISES THE RIGHT TO PURSUE THOSE
POLICIES OR ACTIONS. FROM BOTH THE EC AND US POINT OF VIEW THIS
WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF KEEPING THE COMMUNITY ALIVE
AND FUNCTIONING AS NATO HAS LEARNED TO FUNCTION AND PER-
FROM ITS VITAL MISSION DESPITE FRENCH DEFECTION FROM IN-
TEGRATED MILITARY ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER THE INTERNAL
RIFTS MAY DEEPEN BEFORE THEY CAN BEGIN TO HEAL AND THE
COMMUNITY MAY HAVE TO ENDURE A RATHER AGONIZING PERIOD.
THE UNISTED STATES CANNOT TRANSFORM THIS SITUATION BUT
WE SHOULD NOT AGGRAVATE IT. FURTHER ISOLATION OF THE
FRENCH SHOULD NOT BE A US OBJECTIVE ALTHOUGH WE MAY HAVE
TO ACCEPT FRENCH INSISTENCE ON ISOLATING THEMSELVES FROM
THE US AND THEIR EC PARTNERS. MOST IMPORTANT, IN OUR
JUDGEMENT, IS FOR THE TWELVE FULL SIGNATORIES OF THE
WASHINGTON COMMUNIQUE TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM
GENERATED BY THE SECRETARY'S PILGRIM SOCIETY SPEECH.
THIS IS THE BEST COURSE OPEN TO US TO ADVANCE OUR
TWIN OBJECTIVES OF A STRONG ALLIANCE AND WELL-
FOUNDED US-EC PARTNERSHIP.
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